

GREY FOREST COMMUNITY (GFC) SUPERVISORY BOARD AGENDA

DATE OF MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020

TYPE OF MEETING: PRESENTATION AND SUPERVISORY BOARD MEETING

PLACE OF MEETING: GREY FOREST COMMUNITY CENTER

18502 SHERWOOD TRAIL

GREY FOREST, TEXAS 78023

TIME OF MEETING: 6:30 P.M.

o MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON AT 6:30 P.M.

o RECORDING OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Carey, Sean Skaggs, Trish Terrazas, Kristin Marshall, Madeline McCloskey

o DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

o APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JANUARY 2, 2020; Sean Skaggs moved to approve which was seconded by Peter Carey; the board unanimously approved.

o PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS

David Bezanson of The Nature Conservancy spoke to the board. He works with landowners who are interested in conservation easements, particularly in the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone. Thus far, 150,000 acres of private land have been protected. Helotes Creek is a contributor to the aquifer. A conservation easement would, in perpetuity, protect designated land from future development. Typically, existing structures would be grandfathered in (e.g. the existing bathhouses) and certain future planned activities (e.g. cleaning the weir) could specifically be allowed. As part of the conservation easement process, the property would need to be surveyed and title insurance would also need to be purchased. A conservation easement does not protect against imminent domain although it may act as a deterrent. Jennifer Nottingham pointed out that the transfer of the SLPC property to the city of Grey Forest already contains restrictions on future development. She also indicated that she, Laurie Hawkins, and David Bezanson walked Grey Forest's creeks earlier today. If interest in pursuing the conservation easement continues, the next step would be to speak with Phillip Covington of City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation.

o FINANCIAL REPORTS - no funds were spent

o BOARD MEMBER REPORTS – Storms Duthie provided sunflower seeds from Madla Park and advised we can relocate debris/gravel to the park's trails.

4-H members will come in March and will assist with ligustrum removal near the Deep Springs Dam.

San Antonio Botanical Garden needs to replace its bamboo fence and will be obtaining bamboo from Grey Forest.

o DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION (IF NECESSARY) ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS: (THIS NOTICE IS POSTED PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT-TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. DISCUSS AND ACT ON CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ON CREEKS

Kristin Marshall moved to proceed with the next step of getting further information from the City of San Antonio. Trish Terrazas seconded and the board unanimously approved.

2. DISCUSS AND ACT ON HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY REPORT

Laurie Hawkins submitted Philip Howard's revisions to Beth Venezuela. Once the report is received back, Laurie will send it to Philip and they will determine if additional edits will be needed to finalize the report for the board.

DISCUSS AND ACT ON BIDS FOR COMMUNITY CENTER PORCH LIGHTS

Sean Skaggs obtained a bid from Snyder Electric, LLC for labor and material to replace 2 outdoor fans with light kits, install motion lights at stairs, ramp, side porch, above front door, in the place of the old smoke alarm, and install a blank plate at the old flag pole light soffit. The bid is \$950 exclusive of fixtures. Sean priced basic style motion lights at \$40-\$45 each. More decorative options would likely cost more. Fans are priced at \$200 each. Madeline McCloskey identified approximately \$1350 from the 2020 budget which would be insufficient to cover the electrician's bid and the fixtures. Madeline suggested the board could ask the City Council for permission to move \$500 from the creek maintenance budget. Trish Terrazas moved to ask the City Council to transfer \$500 from the creek budget; Peter Carey seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved. Meanwhile, Sean Skaggs will seek additional bids.

3. DISCUSS AND ACT ON PORTA POTTY COVER

There is currently \$300 budgeted for a porta potty screen. The board is interested in a coyote fence style similar what is already in use at Madla Park. Jennifer Nottingham advised the current Madla Park fence has been in place for 10 years and is still in good condition. Sean Skaggs will speak with Bubba Rutledge about the building of the fence.

4. DISCUSS AND ACT ON DEBRIS REMOVAL FROM UPPER HELOTES CREEK

There had been prior discussion about utilizing volunteers to remove debris. Some of the debris involves large logs. There was discussion about seeking bids to either cut the large logs and have volunteers remove the cut sections or seek bids for someone to remove the logs and dispose of them.

Plans for Lee Creek will be placed on March's agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

5. DISCUSS AND ACT ON EASTER EGG HUNT

Jennifer Nottingham states the Grey Forest Fire Department (GFFD) has a scheduling conflict on Saturday, April 4th. Ashley Cammack from GFFD can shop for and advertise the event (e.g. GFFD website, NextDoor app) but adult volunteers will need to be present by 11 AM on the date of the event to hide eggs and then later lead games and activities (e.g. egg toss, spoon race). On-duty GFFD may be able to come and spray water for the kids to play in. Trish Terrazas volunteered to assist. Sean Skaggs will check his schedule. Jennifer Nottingham will ask some specific individuals if they are able to volunteer.

6. DISCUSS AND ACT ON HEALTHY CREEKS BASELINE DATA

Laurie Hawkins had previously advised Madeline McCloskey that she has not been able to get in touch with her contact person. This item will be moved to the March agenda.

8. DISCUSS AND ACT ON USAGE OF BASEBALL FIELD

The board was notified that the Little League Diamondbacks team would like to practice on Tuesdays in addition to their Friday practices.

Peter Carey motioned to allow the additional day of practice and Kristin Marshall seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM

Meeting Minutes documented by María Ammerman

Meeting Minutes Approved by Chairperson: _____